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SUBJ: DEA PROCEDURES IN FURNISHING INFORMATION TO HOST GOVERNMENTS OBTAINED FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

1. DEA LA PAZ HAS LONG HAD PRACTICE OF COOPERATING WITH BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS POLICE WHEN THEY DETAIN FOREIGN NATIONALS ON DRUG CHARGES BY REQUESTING PERSONAL INFORMATION THROUGH DEA IN CAPITALS ABROAD. DEA IN OTHER CITIES OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM LOCAL POLICE, PASS IT TO DEA LA PAZ WHO GIVES IT TO BOLIVIAN POLICE.

2.WHILE I BELIEVE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE BETWEEN COUNTRIES ON THEIR OWN. MOREOVER, I WORRY LEST THE INFORMATION WE SUPPLY IS USED TO DETAIN AND CONVICT A NATIONAL OF A FRIENDLY FOREIGN COUNTRY. ARE WE THEN LIABLE OR MORALLY RESPONSIBLE IN SOME WAY IN EVENT OF ERRONEOUS OR EGREGIOUS TREATMENT?

3. I HAVE JUST ADOPTED INTERIM MEASURE OF REQUIRING DEA TO INCLUDE PHRASE IN EACH SUCH REQUEST TO EFFECT THAT "INFO REQUESTED BY BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES." YET I WONDER WHETHER DEA HQS SHOULD NOT INSTRUCT ITS POSTS WORLDWIDE THAT WHEN OBTAINING INFO FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES, THAT ITS USE-PASSING TO OTHER POLICE-BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLEARLY EXPLAINED. FURTHERMORE, I BELIEVE DEA SHOULD ARRANGE IN SOME WAY FOR GREATER TRAINING OF HOST COUNTRY POLICE IN HOW TO OBTAIN INFO FROM FOREIGN POLICE AUTHORITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, COULD NOT DEA COMPLITE AND DISTRIBUTE TO ALL NARCOTICS POLICE, DIRECTORY OF THE APPROPRIATE MAIL, OR CABLE ADDRESSES, FOR MAKING INQUIRIES, COMPLETE WITH TELEX NUMBERS, ABBREVIATIONS, OFFICIAL NAME OF ORGANIZATION, ETC. FURTHER, COULD NOT DEA OBTAIN CLEARANCE FROM

THE POLICE SOURCES FOR THEIR INCLUSION OF THE ADDRESSES WITH A COMMITMENT TO RESPOND. OFTEN LOCAL POLICE SAY THEY CAN'T GET THE INFO UNLESS DEA GETS IT FOR THEM. THIS IS NOT A SITUATION WHICH SHOULD GO ON FOREVER.

4. PLEASE ADVISE. STEDMAN

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